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Cottrell Is 'New Look' in Policy on Cuba

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The new look in the policy on Cuba is fast-talking 48-year-old Foreign Service career officer Sterling Cottrell, who will hold down two hot jobs in the State Department.

Already dubbed "the man who took over Dick Goodwin's spot" this week as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American affairs, Mr. Cottrell quickly found himself wearing another hat as co-ordinator of Cuban affairs.

Mr. Goodwin is the brash young Kennedy protege who took so much on himself, independent of his chiefs, that he won appointment to a less delicate position with the Peace Corps.

DIFFERENT

Whereas Mr. Goodwin played the game alone, Mr. Cottrell means to play it with complete inter-relation of government officers. Mr. Goodwin speaks no Spanish, but Mr. Cottrell speaks it fluently, as well adequate Portuguese, the language in Brazil.

Mr. Goodwin had no Latin American background at all, but Mr. Cottrell has more than 20 years' experience south of the border. He has

served in Venezuela, Columbia, Panama, Ecuador and Brazil.

Mr. Goodwin also lacked experience in dealing with other government departments while Mr. Cottrell comes to his new dual post fresh from his handling of an inter-governmental task force whose job it was to counter communist guerilla warfare in South Viet Nam.

CLUE

Such inter-working is the clue to future United States policy in handling the Cuba problem. Heretofore several governmental agencies each had a piece in the action. Now, in addition to his special deputy job of taking the load off his immediate boss, Assistant Secretary of State Edwin M. Martin, Mr. Cottrell will try to co-ordinate more efficiently the work of the separate agencies.

These include the Defense Department, Justice, Health, Education and Welfare, the U. S. Information Agency and the CIA.

Mr. Cottrell's appointment was unexpected, and to his additional assignment as Cuba co-ordinator came just as suddenly two days later.

The idea for it originated in the White House. Mr. Cottrell was called in and told, "You're it."

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